

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Serial No.: 09/694,057
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Ref: Q60128

REMARKS

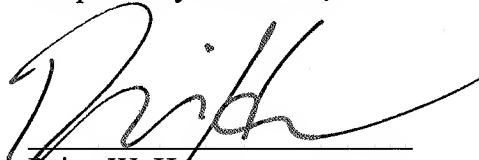
Claims 11-14 are all the claims pending in the application.

In view of the Panel Decision to withdraw the § 112 (first paragraph) rejection of dependent claims 12-14, Applicants have amended independent claim 11 to include the limitation of allowable claim 12, without prejudice. In addition, Applicants have amended dependent claims 13 and 14 to depend from claim 11 in view of the cancellation of claim 12.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application are allowable. It is therefore requested that the application be passed to issue at the earliest possible convenience. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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